The resolution that "This Council recommends to the Government that the teaching of Hindi as a compulsory subject should be introduced in the State schools at least from Form III upwards" was put and agreed to.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, I have a grievance to place before you. Some of our Party Members are given seats far away from us, and we find it very difficult to have some Party questions settled when the meetings are going on, and we have to disturb this House. So next time our seats may be given in a compact block.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—That is a matter which should be left to the President to decide.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I am placing my grievance before him. I never commanded him.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It may be in a letter and not in open Council.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the objection for our saying it here? Where is the provision that we should not say these things here?

9. Committee to consider the Special Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I am right glad that my resolution comes as the last piece of business. Since the Leader of our Party wants the rest of the time I shall withdraw.

Hence the following resolution was deemed withdrawn:—

"This Council resolves to recommend to the Government that a Committee consisting of 7 members, 3 officials, to be nominated by the Government and 4 non-officials, to be elected by the vote of the non-official members of the Council, be constituted for considering the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee and recommending to the Government as to which of these recommendations should be accepted by the Government and in what order, and with what modifications, if any. The Diwan will be one of three official members and will be the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee so constituted will have all the powers given to the Special Finance Committee, in all matters and in every respect."

Concluding Speech of the Leader of the Progressive Party.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, before this important session is brought to a close, I rise with great pleasure to thank you, Sir, on this last day of the Budget Session, on behalf of the Progressive Party which I have the honour to lead. You have guided our deliberations as the Speaker of this House in an

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ideal manner (*hear, hear*) and have held the scales of debate evenly between the official and the non-official sections of this House. (*Hear, hear.*) I thank you, Sir, sincerely for the considerations and weight that you have bestowed upon our joint deliberations inside this Council.

Sir, you have laid us all under a very deep debt of thankfulness for the very best way in which you have uniformly conducted our proceedings for the last 11 days. Thanking you once again I resume my seat.

Concluding remarks by the President.

President.—Members of the Legislative Council,

We have now reached the end of a long and strenuous session, and it remains for me to bring our proceedings to a close by making a few observations. Let me at the outset congratulate you all on the very dignified way in which you have conducted the deliberations of this somewhat taxing session. I am glad to observe that, if I have not mistaken the signs, we are all moving in earnest towards that co-operation to which His Highness, our revered Maharaja, referred in His gracious message. For all these my sincere thanks are due to you. (*Hear, hear.*)

Now, turning to the actual business we have transacted, it is my pleasant duty to offer my felicitations to the Finance Member for the budget he presented and the able way in which he did it. It is not always the good fortune for a Finance Member to present a prosperous budget. Our friend has been consistently lucky in that respect. No doubt, the accumulated surplus of the State has come in for its share of criticism. But it has, however, to be remembered that the normal and legitimate demands of the State, so far as they could reasonably be anticipated, have not been sacrificed to produce this result. In regard to countries endowed with more elastic sources of revenue and greater financial credit, such criticism may be more appropriate. But, placed as we are, I doubt whether we could safely see how we could eschew the necessity of a substantial surplus altogether. Moreover, this is not the growth of a day; it is the outcome of a cautious policy pursued for a course of years; and in view of the costly schemes of development in which we shall have soon to engage ourselves, this surplus, which after all amounts only to one year's revenue, cannot, you will agree with me, be said to be none too large.

In the course of the general discussion of the budget and the voting of demands, representations have been made from different quarters of the House on a variety of subjects, such as,

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